

Rumson Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of August 21, 2014
Charles S. Callman Courthouse Conference Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Vice Chairman Thomas Clark.

Roll Call: Present: Planning Board Liaison/Vice Chairman Thomas Clark, Mr. James Fitzmaurice, Mr. Steven Peterson, Mr. Ross Millhiser and Mrs. Roberta Van Anda

Absent: Councilwoman Laura Atwell and Chairperson Shay

The Vice Chairman declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by the posting and mailing of a schedule of all regular meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission for 2014 to the *Asbury Park Press* and the *Two River Times*.

Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2014

The minutes of the July 17, 2014 meeting were approved after a motion by Mr. Fitzmaurice, which was seconded by Mr. Peterson.

Old Business

Chairman's Report

Sub-Committee Reports

Historic Property Catalogue

Mr. Fitzmaurice reported that the committee had not been able to get together, but they had continued to work independently. Some homes have been added to the list, and there are still more to be done. Vice Chairman Clark asked for a projection as to when the survey will be completed. A subcommittee meeting was set for Wednesday, September 3.

Historic Preservation Commission Website

The Website sub-committee did not have a report.

Communication with Council and Board

Mr. Clark suggested that the Commission consider meeting earlier in the month in order to meet before the Zoning and Planning Board meetings.

Minutes and Agenda to Website

The Secretary was advised to send the minutes of the July 17, 2014 meeting to Councilman Day for posting on the Borough website.

State Historic Preservation Commission

Mr. Millhiser reported that he had not attended any County meetings. He said that he will try to attend one before the end of the year.

New Business

There was discussion of the definition of “Historically Significant.”

Members of the Historic Property Catalog sub-committee will revisit the definition and report at the next meeting.

There was a discussion of 7 Linden Lane, which is on the market for sale. A potential buyer has inquired about demolition of a tea house on the property. The tea house is a remnant of the Schiff Estate, which once encompassed that area. The proposal will need to be presented before the Zoning Board because it is a private lane. In total, there are three properties for sale on Linden Lane, and all are on our Historic Property list. We also learned that the Zoning Board had two historic homes on its agenda with demolition requests. They are at 9 and 27 North Ward Avenue.

Vice Chairman Clark reviewed the items discussed that are action items: There will be a sub-committee meeting on September 3, 2014, Mr. Millhiser plans to attend a County meeting, the Historic Property Catalog Sub-committee will try to present a projection on when the survey will be completed and it will also look at the definition of ‘Historically Significant’ again and report their conclusions at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday **September 18, 2014 at 6:00 PM.**

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM by a motion by Mr. Fitzmaurice seconded by Mr. Millhiser.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta H. Van Anda, Secretary